

Senator Beall moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill passed and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

On motion of Senator Colquitt, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up on its second reading,

Senate bill No. 346, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for paying the traveling expenses of the Railroad Commissioners, secretary, clerks and other employees."

Bill read second time.

On motion of Senator Lewis, the Senate adjourned to 10 a. m. to-morrow.

SEVENTIETH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Tuesday April 13.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Linn of Victoria.
Bailey.	Linn of Wharton.
Beall.	Morriss.
Bowser.	Neal.
Burns.	Rogers.
Colquitt.	Ross.
Dibrell.	Stafford.
Goss.	Stone.
Gough.	Terrell.
Greer.	Timett.
Harrison.	Turney.
Kerr.	Woods.
Lewis.	Yett.

Absent.

Boren.	Wayland.
Darwin.	Yantis.
Presler.	

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. F. S. Jackson.

Almighty God: We pray Thee to give us a knowledge of our own weaknesses and imperfections. Assist us to rightly understand the bent and tendencies of our natures. Help us to realize that we live in the midst of conditions that are unfriendly to our best interest. That pitfalls, cesspools and quagmires of sin surround our footsteps. Guide us, that we may go on and not fall, nor have our characters soiled and scarred by the slime and cancer of sin. Help us to love Thee and Thy law and be directed by its lessons of truth, safety

and warning. Our Father, we remember Thy sympathy and pity for the sick, therefore most devoutly we pray Thee to bless the sons of Senator Boren and Mr. Lambert, who in the morning of life are struck down by the dread destroyer of human life—consumption. In Thy own gentle and tender love visit and comfort these in their lonely hours of suffering. Devise some remedy that shall prove effectual in arresting the disease and restoring them to health and strength. Bless their parents in this, their sad hour of distress and anxiety. Give them grace, sympathy and strength to meet the sad affliction through which they are passing. We ask for Christ's sake. Amen.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Woods, the same was dispensed with.

On motion of Senator Woods, Senator Yantis was excused for non-attendance upon the Senate for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week, and all of this week, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Goss, Senator Harrison was excused for absence on yesterday on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Stafford, Senator Rogers was excused for absence last week on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Neal, Senator Yett was excused for absence on yesterday on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Bowser, Senator Neal was excused for absence Saturday and yesterday on account of important business.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following invitation:

San Antonio, April 12, 1897.

Lieutenant Governor Jester, Speaker of the Senate:

Dear Sir: Please extend to members of Legislature in Senate assembled an invitation from the ladies of the "Battle of Flowers Association" to attend the grand parade and battle, to be held on Alamo Plaza April 21, 1897, in the town of San Antonio—a festivity in commemoration of the glorious victory won at San Jacinto.

Very respectfully,

MRS. ELLA DANCY-HALL,
Cor. Sec., Battle of Flowers Ass'n,
206 Garden street.

By order of Mrs. Ogden, President,

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Greer:

Protest from members of the bar of Jefferson county, against placing said county in the Ninth Judicial District.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Senator Greer:

Protest from voters of Jefferson county, against changing said county from the First to the Ninth Judicial District.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judicial Districts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 13, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 354, a bill to be entitled "An act to validate the incorporation, and to declare valid the acts, of towns and villages heretofore regularly incorporated for free school purposes having within their limits towns incorporated for municipal purposes, which latter had ceased to exercise their functions as such."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

BEALL, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 13, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 362, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1537 of chapter 2, title 32, of the Revised Civil Statutes, adopted and established by the Twenty-fourth Legislature in regular session in 1895, relating to the powers and duties of commissioners court,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 13, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 267, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1706 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the place of holding elections in cities and towns."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 13, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 357, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 804 of the Penal Code, relating to hunting and fishing in the enclosures of another without permission,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

STAFFORD, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 13, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Substitute Senate bill No. 328, entitled "An act to amend article 812 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to the removal of county seats,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

GOUGH, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, April 13, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 264, entitled "An act to amend article 944, chapter 17, Revised Statutes, Penal Code, relating to swindling, by substituting for section 4 a section so as to include within the term swindling the obtaining of personal property by means of false statements or representation as to financial worth, assets or resources, and the execution and passage for a valuable consideration of a check upon any bank with intent to defraud the party representing at the time of passing such check that he had mon-

ey in the bank upon which the check is drawn to pay the same, or that he had credit with such bank to the extent of the amount of such check, when in truth and in fact he did not have such money or credit; and adding section 6, providing that offenses not specially enumerated under this article shall nevertheless be an offense, if within the reasonable and fair definition of the term swindling."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

GOUGH, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 12, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 306, entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Houston, Harris county, Texas,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

GOUGH, Chairman.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Stafford:

Senate bill No. 362, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1537 of chapter 2, title 32, of the Revised Civil Statutes, adopted and established by the Twenty-fourth Legislature in regular session in 1895, relating to the powers and duties of commissioners courts."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Tillett:

Senate bill No. 363, a bill to be entitled "An act to authorize the Texas Central Railroad Company to purchase own and operate the railroad extending from the town of Bremond, in Robertson county, to the town of Ross, in McLennan county, commonly known as the Waco and Northwestern division of the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company, with its appurtenances, or any part thereof, and to authorize a corresponding increase in the aggregate of the bonds and stocks of said Texas Central Railway Company."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Yett:

Whereas, it has been the custom of former Legislatures to appropriate funds for the purchase of a portrait of ex-governors; and

Whereas, the portraits of all the distinguished men who have served the State of Texas as chief executive (except that of James S. Hogg) now adorn the library room of the capitol building; be it

Resolved, that the sum of \$200 be appropriated for the purpose of purchasing one of the paintings now on exhibition in the House of Representatives, and that a committee composed of three Senators be appointed by the President of this Senate to select said painting.

On motion of Senator Colquitt, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Call concluded.

HOUSE MESSAGE.

The following House message was received:

Hall House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, April 13, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate of the passage of the following bills:

House bill No. 463, entitled "An act to amend article 802 of chapter 3 of title XVII of the Penal Code of the State of Texas."

House bill No. 228, entitled "An act to prevent the introduction of disease among sheep in the State of Texas, and to prevent the spread of same," etc.

Respectfully,

LEE J. ROUNTREE, Chief Clerk.

The above bills were read first time and referred to the Committee on Stock and Stockraising.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Chair laid before the Senate, Substitute Senate bill No. 41, a bill to be entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the State government for the years beginning March 1, 1897, and ending February 28, 1899, and for other purposes."

On motion of Senator Stone, the Senate returned to "Treasury Department," which was read on yesterday.

By Senator Stone:

Amend by inserting after line 5, and before line 6, page 5, the following:

"To pay to C. C. Gibbs, trustee, or his order, out of the permanent school fund, the sum of \$74,560, and out of the general fund the sum of \$74,560,

for the purpose of refunding the amount paid into the Treasury of the State on or about the 3rd day of January, 1891, for the purchase, under applications made by E. M. Bacon and E. G. Graves, of 291 sections of land of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered from 1 to 291, both inclusive, in block G, Borden and Scurry counties; 58 sections of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered from 1 to 58, both inclusive, in block M, in Borden and Scurry counties; and 117 sections of 640 acres each, being surveys numbered 1 to 117, both inclusive, in block B, in Scurry county, being the lands recovered by the State by a judgment against the said E. M. Bacon and E. G. Graves and C. C. Gibbs, trustee, rendered on the 22nd day of December, 1891, by the District Court in and for Mitchell county, Texas, and affirmed on appeal, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$149,120.

"But the said sums shall not, nor shall any part thereof be paid until Frederick P. Olcott, the purchaser under decree of foreclosure rendered by the Circuit Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Texas, at Galveston, of lands of the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company, shall execute to the State of Texas and deliver to the Comptroller a release in writing unto the State of Texas of any and all claim by him and those he represents in any manner in or to any of the above named sections of land; said release to be approved by the Attorney General and to inure to the benefit of the State of Texas and any persons claiming any of said lands under said State, and said release to settle forever the claim of the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company and Frederic P. Olcott and others interested with him as mortgagees in any of said above described 466 sections of land; and upon the delivery of said release, duly executed and acknowledged by the said Olcott, to the Comptroller, the Comptroller shall draw his warrant upon the State Treasurer in favor of the said C. C. Gibbs, trustee, for the amount of money hereby appropriated."

Senator Kerr moved the adoption of the amendment.

Senator Gough moved as a substitute that the amendment be printed in the Journal, and that further consideration be postponed until to-morrow.

The substitute prevailed.

The

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Was then read.

By Senator Gough, substitute:

Amend by striking out all under the head "Department of Education," and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Department of Education.

(To be paid out of the available
School Fund.)

Salary of Superintendent...	\$2,500	\$2,500
Salary of chief clerk...	1,800	1,800
Salary of statistical clerk...	1,200	1,200
Salary of auditing and index clerk...	1,200	1,200
Stenographer...	1,200	1,200
Salary of corresponding and examining clerk...	1,200	1,200
Salary of corresponding and general clerk...	1,200	1,200
Salary of mailing and blank clerk...	1,000	1,000
Salary of porter...	360	360
Traveling expenses of Superintendent, or his representative, visiting schools and teachers' and trustees' meetings, and when on business relating to school interests...	300	300
Printing and distributing county superintendents' record books, treasurer's record books and blank forms...	1,200	1,200
Printing and distributing scholastic census blanks, teachers' daily registers, trustees' reports and other blank forms for the use of school officers, teachers, and trustees...	2,000	2,000
Printing and distributing school laws, courses of study, examination questions, circulars to school officers and teachers, and other matter for the advancement of education...	1,000	500
Postage, stationery, office furniture, files, binding reports and other books and pamphlets...	1,500	1,500
Express, freight, telegraphing, books, periodicals and incidental expenses...	750	750

Senator Gough moved that the substitute be printed in the Journal, and

that further consideration of the Department of Education and the substitute therefor be deferred until to-morrow morning.

Senator Colquitt moved that the substitute be tabled.

Lost.

Senator Gough's motion was then carried.

By Senator Goss:

Amend by adding to the Department of Education the following: "Support of the Summer Normal Institutes, each year, \$20,000."

Consideration of the amendment was deferred until to-morrow.

The

RAILROAD COMMISSION'S DEPARTMENT

Was then read.

By Senator Burns:

Amend by striking out, in line 13, "\$13,040," and insert in lieu thereof "\$8040."

Lost.

The

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, INSURANCE, INSURANCE, STATISTICS AND HISTORY

Was then read.

By Senator Dibrell:

Amend by striking out in line 26, page 9 the words "and historical," and insert between lines 26 and 27 the following: "Salary of historical clerk, \$1200, \$1200."

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Bailey.	Linn of Victoria.
Beall.	Linn of Wharton.
Boren.	Neal.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Burns.	Ross.
Dibrell.	Stafford.
Gough.	Tillett.
Greer.	Turney.
Harrison.	Yett.
Kerr.	

Nays—5.

Colquitt.	Terrell.
Morriss.	Woods.
Stone.	

Absent.

Darwin.	Presler.
Goss.	Wayland.

Excused.

Yantis.

(Senator Tillett in the chair.)

By Senator Bailey:

Amend line 24, page 9, by striking out "\$1500" and inserting "\$1800."

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—11.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Bailey.	Linn of Wharton.
Burns.	Rogers.
Colquitt.	Stafford.
Dibrell.	Turney.
Greer.	

Yeas—14.

Beall.	Morriss.
Boren.	Neal.
Bowser.	Ross.
Gough.	Stone.
Harrison.	Tillett.
Kerr.	Woods.
Linn of Victoria.	Yett.

Absent.

Darwin.	Terrell.
Goss.	Wayland.
Presler.	

Excused.

Yantis.

By Senator Stafford:

Add line 33, on page 9, to read as follows: "For purchasing jars and alcohol for preserving fruits and vegetables, \$750, \$750."

By Senator Greer:

Amend the amendment by striking out "\$750" and substitute "\$500."

Adopted.

The amendment as amended was then adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—16.

Atlee.	Harrison.
Bailey.	Kerr.
Beall.	Linn of Wharton.
Boren.	Neal.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Dibrell.	Stafford.
Gough.	Stone.
Greer.	Tillett.

Nays—8.

Burns.	Ross.
Colquitt.	Terrell.
Linn of Victoria.	Woods.
Morriss.	Yett.

Absent.

Darwin.	Presler.
Goss.	Turney.
Lewis.	Wayland.

Excused.

Yantis.

(Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.)

Senator Greer called up

House bill No. 413, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 3384, title LXIX, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to local option."

And moved that the free conference committee report thereon be adopted.

Carried by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Bailey.	Linn of Wharton.
Beall.	Morriss.
Boren.	Neal.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Burns.	Ross.
Colquitt.	Stafford.
Gough.	Stone.
Greer.	Terrell.
Harrison.	Tillett.
Kerr.	Turney.
Lewis.	Woods.
Linn of Victoria.	Yett.

Nays—none.

Absent.

Atlee.	Goss.
Darwin.	Presler.
Dibrell.	Wayland.

Excused.

Yantis.

On motion of Senator Tillett, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up

Senate bill No. 42, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend chapter 3, title 40, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding thereto article 2293a, relating to the deposition of parties,"

Which had passed the House with amendments, and moved that the House amendments be concurred in.

Carried.

On motion of Senator Stafford, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up on its second reading,

Senate bill No. 273, a bill to be entitled "An act to regulate chattel mortgages and trust deeds executed by an insolvent debtor for the purpose of securing preferred creditors, and to punish fraudulent debtors and fraudulent preferred creditors."

Bill read second time.

Pending further action,

On motion of Senator Colquitt, further consideration of the bill was postponed until the appropriation bill be disposed of.

On motion of Senator Dibrell, the regular order of business was suspended to take up on second reading,

Senate bill No. 234, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 4786 and 4788 of title 97, chapter 7, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to elections for road taxes."

Bill read second time.

By Senator Dibrell:

Amend by adding to the bill section 2, as follows:

"Sec. 2. The near approach of the close of the Legislature and the great number of bills to be considered renders it impracticable to read this bill on three several days, therefore an emergency and public necessity exists requiring the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days, and such rule is hereby suspended."

Adopted.

Bill as amended ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Dibrell, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Bailey.	Linn of Victoria.
Beall.	Linn of Wharton.
Boren.	Morriss.
Burns.	Neal.
Colquitt.	Rogers.
Dibrell.	Ross.
Goss.	Stafford.
Gough.	Terrell.
Greer.	Tillett.
Harrison.	Woods.
Kerr.	Yett.

Nays—none.

Absent.

Bowser.	Stone.
Darwin.	Turney.
Presler.	Wayland.

Excused.

Yantis.

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Atlee.	Linn of Victoria.
Bailey.	Linn of Wharton.
Beall.	Morriss.
Boren.	Neal.
Burns.	Rogers.
Colquitt.	Ross.
Dibrell.	Stafford.
Goss.	Stone.
Gough.	Terrell.
Greer.	Tillett.
Harrison.	Woods.
Kerr.	Yett.
Lewis.	

Nays—none.

Absent.

Bowser.	Turney.
Darwin.	Wayland.
Presler.	

Excused.

Yantis.

Senator Dibrell moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

Action recurring on the general appropriation bill,

The Department of the University of Texas was read, and there were no amendments.

On motion of Senator Greer, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on its third reading,

Senate bill No. 328, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 812 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to the removal of county seats."

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—17.

Atlee.	Linn of Victoria.
Bailey.	Linn of Wharton.
Beall.	Rogers.
Boren.	Ross.
Burns.	Stone.
Dibrell.	Terrell.
Gough.	Tillett.
Greer.	Yett.
Lewis.	

Nays—8.

Colquitt.	Neal.
Harrison.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Turney.
Morriss.	Woods.

Absent.

Bowser.	Presler.
Darwin.	Wayland.
Goss.	

Excused.

Yantis.

Senator Greer moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

Action recurring on the General Appropriation bill, the appropriation for the Medical Department of the University of Texas was read.

By Senator Linn of Wharton:

Amend by inserting in lieu of line 26, page 10 of the printed bill, the following: "For maintenance and support and maintenance and support of laboratories, \$44,500, \$44,500."

By Senator Colquitt:

Substitute: Amend line 26, page 10, by striking out "\$38,500" each year, and insert "\$30,000" in lieu thereof.

Senator Burns moved to lay the substitute on the table.

Tabled by the following vote:

35—Senate

Yeas—17.

Atlee.	Linn of Wharton.
Bailey.	Morriss.
Beall.	Neal.
Boren.	Rogers.
Burns.	Ross.
Gough.	Stafford.
Greer.	Turney.
Lewis.	Yett.

Nays—8.

Bowser.	Kerr.
Colquitt.	Linn of Victoria.
Dibrell.	Terrell.
Harrison.	Woods.

Absent.

Darwin.	Stone.
Goss.	Tillett.
Presler.	Wayland.

Excused.

Yantis.

On motion of Senator Morriss, the Senate adjourned to 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Linn of Wharton.
Bailey.	Morriss.
Beall.	Neal.
Bowser.	Presler.
Burns.	Rogers.
Colquitt.	Ross.
Dibrell.	Stafford.
Goss.	Stone.
Gough.	Terrell.
Greer.	Tillett.
Harrison.	Turney.
Kerr.	Woods.
Lewis.	Yett.
Linn of Victoria.	

Absent.

Darwin.	Wayland.
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Excused.

Boren.	Yantis.
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PENDING BUSINESS.

The Chair laid before the Senate the General Appropriation Bill, action being on the following amendment to the appropriation for the Medical Branch of the University of Texas, to-wit:

By Senator Linn of Wharton:

Amend by inserting in lieu of line 26, page 10, of printed bill, the following: "For maintenance and support and maintenance and support of laboratories out of general revenue, \$44,500, \$44,500."

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—11.

Atlee.	Greer.
Bailey.	Lewis.
Beall.	Linn of Victoria.
Boren.	Linn of Wharton.
Burns.	Turney.
Gough.	

Nays—12.

Bowser.	Rogers.
Colquitt.	Ross.
Dibrell.	Stone.
Harrison.	Terrell.
Kerr.	Woods.
Morriss.	Yett.

Absent.

Darwin.	Stafford.
Goss.	Tillett.
Neal.	Wayland.
Presler.	

Excused.

Yantis.

By Senator Gough:

Amend by striking out "\$85,000," in line 21, and insert in lieu thereof "\$35,000." Amend further by striking out lines 22, 23 and 24, on page 10 of the bill.

Pending action,

(Senator Rogers in the chair.)

On motion of Senator Atlee, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up

Senate bill No. 256, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 785 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, providing for the organization or reorganization of unorganized or disorganized counties."

Action being on engrossment.

By Senator Goss:

Amend by striking out "200" and insert "100."

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—8.

Beall.	Harrison.
Goss.	Linn of Victoria.
Gough.	Tillett.
Greer.	Turney.

Nays—13.

Atlee.	Morriss.
Bailey.	Rogers.
Bowser.	Ross.
Burns.	Terrell.
Colquitt.	Woods.
Dibrell.	Yett.
Linn of Wharton.	

Present, not voting.

Lewis.

Absent.

Darwin.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Stone.
Neal.	Wayland.
Presler.	

Excused.

Boren. Yantis.

By Senator Goss:

Amend by striking out "200" and insert "125."

Adopted.

The bill was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Atlee, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Atlee.	Linn of Victoria.
Bailey.	Linn of Wharton.
Beall.	Morriss.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Burns.	Ross.
Colquitt.	Terrell.
Dibrell.	Tillett.
Gough.	Turney.
Greer.	Woods.
Harrison.	Yett.
Lewis.	

Nays—1.

Goss.

Absent.

Darwin.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Stone.
Neal.	Wayland.
Presler.	

Excused.

Boren. Yantis.

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—20.

Atlee.	Linn of Victoria.
Bailey.	Linn of Wharton.
Beall.	Morriss.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Burns.	Ross.
Colquitt.	Terrell.
Dibrell.	Tillett.
Gough.	Turney.
Greer.	Woods.
Harrison.	Yett.

Nays—1.

Goss.

Absent.

Darwin.	Presler.
Kerr.	Stafford.

Lewis.
Neal.

Stone.
Wayland.

Excused.

Boren.

Yantis.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 13, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of
the Senate.

Your Committee on Claims and Ac-
counts, to whom was referred

House bill No. 464, a bill to be enti-
tled "An act to permit Thomas E., Jesse
F., Stella and Drew Finch to sue the
State of Texas for the recovery of cer-
tain lands situated in Wise county,
Texas, and to provide service for
same,"

Have had the same under considera-
tion, and I am instructed to report the
same back to the Senate with the rec-
ommendation that it do pass.

LINN of Victoria, Chairman.

On motion of Senator Woods, the
Senate adjourned to 10 a. m. to-mor-
row.

SEVENTY-FIRST DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Tex., Wednesday, April 14

Senate met pursuant to adjourn-
ment.

Lieutenant-Governor Jester in the
chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present, the following Sena-
tors answering to their names:

Atlee.	Linn of Victoria.
Bailey.	Linn of Wharton.
Beall.	Morriss.
Bowser.	Neal.
Burns.	Presler.
Colquitt.	Rogers.
Darwin.	Ross.
Dibrell.	Stone.
Goss.	Terrell.
Gough.	Tillett.
Greer.	Turney.
Harrison.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Woods.
Lewis.	Yett.

Absent.

Stafford.

Excused.

Boren.

Yantis.

Prayer by Rev. J. A. French, of Aus-
tin:

O God, Thou art the source of all

wisdom and light. Thou hast bidden
us, through Thy Son, to ask that we
may receive. An inspired Apostle has
said, "If any man lacketh wisdom, let
him ask of God, who giveth to all men
liberally and upbraideth not." We
therefore invoke Thy divine guidance
on the deliberations of this body; that
it may be endued with needed wis-
dom, prudence and light respecting the
great interests committed to its keep-
ing. Save them from undue thought
of self and from undue outward influ-
ences as they seek the best welfare of
our great State. Give Thy grace to the
presiding officer and to all who assist
him in the administration of the affairs
of this body, and may all remember
that "Righteousness exalteth a nation,
but sin is a reproach to any people."
We ask these things through Jesus
Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pending the reading of the Journal
of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Wayland, the
same was dispensed with.

On motion of Senator Colquitt,

Senator Wayland was excused for
absence on Friday and Saturday of
last week and Monday and Tuesday of
this week.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Wayland:

Petition of members of the bar and
citizens of Robertson county, protest-
ing against the passage of the bills re-
districting the State into judicial dis-
tricts.

Read and referred to Committee on
Judicial Districts.

By Senator Wayland:

Petition of citizens of Robertson
county, urging the passage of the bill
authorizing the Houston and Texas
Central Railroad Company to purchase
and operate the Waco and Northwest-
ern Railroad and the Texas Central
Railroad.

Read and referred to Committee on
Internal Improvements.

By Senator Yett:

Petition from citizens of Williamson
county, asking for a law prohibiting
the use of butterine in the institutions
of this State.

Read and referred to Committee on
Public Health.

By Senator Atlee:

Memorial of citizens of Webb and
Encinal counties, protesting against
the passage of the bill redistricting
the State judicially.

Read and referred to Committee on
Judicial Districts.